

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ORDER NO. 3138

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served March 24, 1988

Application of AIR COURIERS)
INTERNATIONAL GROUND TRANSPORTATION))
SERVICES, INC., trading as)
PASSENGER EXPRESS for Special)
Authorization to Conduct Charter)
Operations Pursuant to Contract)
with National Institutes of Health)

Case No. CP-88-02

By application filed March 1, 1988, Air Couriers International Ground Transportation Services, Inc., trading as Passenger Express ("applicant"), seeks authority to conduct charter operations pursuant to WMATC Special Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 1 under contract with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health ("NIH"), transporting persons traveling on official government business as described therein, over irregular routes (1) between NIH facilities in Bethesda, Md., on the one hand, and, on the other, Washington National Airport, and (2) between NIH facilities in Bethesda, Md., on the one hand, and, on the other, points in that part of the Metropolitan District within 36 miles of Bethesda, Md. The initial contract period is April 1, 1988, through March 31, 1989. There are options to renew for four successive 12-month periods.

Order No. 3128, served March 2, 1988, generally describes the evidence submitted with the application, and that order is incorporated herein by reference. The Commission required publication of notice and the filing of an affidavit of publication; evidence that the vehicles had been registered, licensed and inspected by a compact signatory jurisdiction; and a certificate of insurance. Applicant complied with these requirements. In addition, applicant filed an affidavit that each of the vehicles has been identified in accordance with Commission regulations and a contract of lease for the five vehicles to be used in the proposed service.

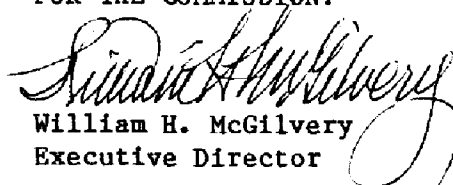
Commission Regulation No. 70 provides that an application of this type will be granted if it is determined that the applicant is fit, willing, and able properly to perform the proposed service and to conform to the provisions of the Compact and the rules, regulations, and orders of the Commission thereunder, and if it is determined that the proposed operations conform to the provisions of Regulation No. 70. The issue of whether the public convenience and necessity requires such service has been determined in Case No. MP-79-04. See Order No. 2004, served June 20, 1979.

Inasmuch as the contract is for a fixed term of at least 181 days and provides for the transportation of persons traveling on official business with a government agency, the Commission finds that this application conforms to the requirements of Commission Regulation No. 70. It is further found, based on the evidence of record as described in Order No. 3128, that applicant is fit, willing, and able properly to provide the service described above and to conform to the requirements of the Compact and the rules, regulations, and orders of the Commission thereunder.

Accordingly, this application will be granted and Authorization No. 55-09 issued.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


William H. McGilvery
Executive Director